**Anomalies in Industrial Workers' Salaries in Telecom Factories Under DoT**

3711. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the dctuils of pending issues related to the anomalies pertaining to the industrial workers' salaries in telecom factories under DoT arising out of the Fifty Pay Commission recommendations;

(b) the response of Government thereon; and

(c) the tentative time schedule for resolving the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) and (b) An Anomalies Committee has been constituted in the Department of Telecom on 22.5.98 for looking into the anomalies arising out of the implementation of the 5th Central Pay Commission's recommendations. Anomalies are to be examined by the Committee on receiving the items through the Secretary, Staff Side upto six months from the date of its constitution. The Committee is yet to receive any item pertaining to the industrial workers 'Salaries' in Telecom Factories.

(c) The decision in respect of Pay Commission matters is to be taken in consultation with various Government Deptts./Ministeries. Hence, no time schedule can be indicated.

**Waitlisted persons for Telephone connections in Manipur**

3712. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons in Manipur state who are in the waiting list for new telephone connections; and

(b) by when, this waiting list is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) The number of persons who are in the waiting list for new telephone connections in Manipur State as on 30.6.98 is 2543.

(b) Most of the waiting list is likely to be cleared during the current financial year except that of Churachandpur due to infrastructural problems which are being sortcdout with the help of State Government. The waiting list of 340 at Churachandpur is likely to be cleared during the next financial year 1999-2000.

**Installation of STD/PCO Booths for SC/ ST and Handicapped Persons**

3713. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details and target fixed for the installation of STD/PCO booths in the country;

(b) the State-wise details of STD/PCO allotted to SC/STs and physically han-dicapped persons; till date; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in thk regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) the State-wise details of STD/PCOs working as. on 31.5.98 and the Target fixed for the year 1998-99 is given in the Statement I and II. (See below).

(b) and (c) While preference is given to SC/ST and Physically handicapped persons in the matter of allotment of STD PCOs, no separate records are maintained for each category of applicants.